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SUBJECT: SOVIET TREATMENT OF PRC NATIONAL DAY

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

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1. SOVIET NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE TO PRC FOLLOWED
FORMAT OF PAST FEW YEARS BUT INTRODUCED NEW THEME
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OF BASING SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS ON PRINCIPLES OF

RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, EQUALITY AND NON-INTER-FERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. MESSAGE THUS REINFORCED SOVIET BID TO APPLY "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" FORMULA TO SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS WITHOUT ACTUALLY NAMING THE CONCEPT.

2. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIA ARTICLES MARKING CHINESE ANNIVERSARY CONTAIN JUDICIOUS MIX OF NOSTALGIA FOR GOOD OLD DAYS, INDIGNATION OVER MAOIST ANTI-SOVIET COURSE, AND EQUANIMITY ABOUT LONG-TERM COMMON INTERESTS THAT WILL EVENTUALLY PERMIT NORMALIZATION OF STATE RELATIONS. BOTH ARTICLES DRAW ON BREZHNEV'S TASHKENT SPEECH (REFTEL, ALTHOUGH ONLY IZVESTIA REPEATS HIS WARNING TO THOSE IN IMPERIALIST WORLD WHO SEEK TO EXTRACT PROFIT FROM ABNORMAL SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS. AS IN TASHKENT SPEECH, THERE IS NO CLUE THAT WOULD IDENTIFY WHO IS MEANT.

3. IZVESTIA ESPECINWLY EMPHASIZES HARM CAUSED TO SOCIALIST CAMP BY PRC FOREIGN POLICY, QUOTING ZHIVIKOV SPEECH DURING BREZHNEV VISIT TO SOFIA WHICH CHARGED PEKING WITH OPENING A SECOND FRONT AGAINST USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

4. ELEMENT OF CORDIALITY IN SOVIET OBSERVANCE OF ANNI-VERSARY WAS FRIENDSHIP EVEING ORGANIZED BY SOVIET-CHINESE FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY ON SEPTEMBER 27, ATTENDED BY PRC AMBASSADOR AND O.B. RAKHMANIN IDENTIFIED AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE FRIENDSHIP SCOEITY. PRESS ACCOUNT FAILED TO MENTION THAT RAKHMANIN IS ALSO A LEADING OFFICIAL OF CPSU SECTION DEALING WITH FOREIGN COMMUNIST PARTIES. LAST YEAR'S PRESS ACCOUNT OF SIMILAR EVENT DID NOT SPECIFY WHO ATTENDED FROM SOVIET SIDE.
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